



Questions To Inform Recommendations for the Development of the Comprehensive Interagency Seafood Trade Strategy

Through this RFI, NOAA seeks written public input on how the Administration can best achieve the Seafood Trade Task Force objectives, including but not limited to, responses to the following questions to inform the Task Force recommendations on the development of a comprehensive interagency seafood trade strategy:

1. Which seafood products (to include fish, shellfish, and processed fish and seafood products) are you currently exporting? Please provide the Harmonized Tariff System (HTS) codes for these products.

HTS Code: 0307.11 Oysters, Live, Fresh Or Chilled

HTS Code: 0307.31 Mussels (mytilus Spp., Perna Spp.), Live, Fresh Or Chilled

HTS Code: 0307.71.0070 Clams, Live, Fresh Or Chilled, Except Geoduck

2. To which countries or other trading partners are you currently exporting?

Canada, small amount to Caribbean

3. Are there countries or other trading partners to which you are planning to export, or to which you would like to export? Please specify.

EU. We would like to export to the EU but there is a discrepancy between water quality standards that prompted a trade ban between the two governments.

4. Are there issues in the markets you currently export to that limit your exports or unnecessarily increase the costs for your exports? Please specify.

When shipping into British Columbia the product must receive an "Aquatic Animal Health Export Certificate" or Zoo-sanitary Certificate that costs \$90 per shipment severely increasing the cost per shipping.

5. Are there issues in other markets that have prevented you from exporting? Please specify.

The EU is the most likely market that we could ship too due to the close proximity and interest in our product.

6. Are there other issues that affect the competitiveness of your product in foreign markets? Please specify.

Obviously the trade ban is still in place, and when it is lifted only shellfish from Massachusetts and Washington state will be allowed in, giving companies from those areas an advantage to find and secure a customer base first.